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Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

The present case has been allowed, and this allowance is very much appreciated.

In the Reason for Allowance section of the Notice of Allowance dated August 4, 2008, the Examiner found a percent increase in catalyst lifetime of about 46%, and this finding is very much appreciated.

This paper is being filed to suggest that there is another way to calculate percent increases.

In the Reason for Allowance section, the Examiner points out comparative data in Table 1 on page 24 of the specification. Here the reaction duration at attainment to 300° C for applicant's catalyst was 24000 hours, while the reaction duration at attainment to 300° C for a catalyst of a comparative example was 13000 hours.

It is believed that the Examiner calculated a percent increase as follows: (new value - old value)/(new value).

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In other words, the Examiner calculated the percent increase as follows: (24000 hours - 13000 hours)/(24000 hours) = 0.458 or a 46% increase in reaction duration at attainment to 300° C.

However, it is respectfully suggested that percent increases are normally calculated as follows: (new value - old value)/(old value). In other words, in the present case, the percent increase should be calculated as follows: (24000 hours - 13000 hours)/(13000 hours) = 0.846 or an 85% increase in reaction duration at attainment to 300° C such that applicant's catalyst lifetime almost doubled (from 13000 hours to 24000 hours).

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